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EFFECT ON CREWS' DISCIPLINE OF PROTRACTED  
REPAIRS TO SOVIET SHIPS IN AMERICAN PORTS

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Reference number 501[i], copy to GIFT [DAR][ii].

[According to] [a] the preliminary plan of ship repairs in American ports during the autumn and winter period [2 groups unrecovered] of a total [CS number] of more than 70 units 25 fishing boats and two ice-breakers will require repairs. The majority of these vessels are planning repairs which will take more than 50 [B% days]. It has been noted that protracted repairs and [2 groups unrecovered] [B% ashore] [1 group unrecovered] drop in the efficiency of repairs carried out by the crew [SMOREMONT]. Inactivity has acted as a cause of [CS demoralisation] of individual persons and also of acts of treason. With a view to avoiding a lowering of discipline [2 groups unrecovered] vessels

[23 groups unrecovered]

PLINT [ZIVOD][iii] to take off and send home the crew with the exception of the captain, chief and second mates, chief, second and third engineers and the boatswain.

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2. Members of crews of ships due for less protracted repairs, who are not engaged on repairs to their ships

[22 groups unrecoverable]

as opportunity offers

[41 groups unrecoverable]

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T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator. M.S.

Comments: [i] Not at present available. *Rec'd by M.S. Dec 20/1944*

[ii] DAR: Grigorij KASPAROV.

[iii] ZAVOD: the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.

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